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14. Aug. 1953

TO : Chief, EM
Attn: ☐
FROM : Chief of Base, Salzburg *galt*
SUBJECT: GENERAL. Operational/GROOVY
SPECIFIC. GROSSBAHN - U. S. Visa

Ref- EAW-3801 (SOB/1327)
INFO: Frankfort, Munich.

A. Synopsis.

☐ red with ☐ of HOB on 15 July 1953.
There are no major obstacles apparent at present standing in the way of furnishing GROSSBAHN with a U. S. visa within the next month.

B. Specific Action Requested of Headquarters.

1. Action to ease GROSSBAHN's entry past McCarran Act restrictions (see paragraph B.2. of reference, plus paragraph 7 following).
2. Contact instructions for GROSSBAHN in the U. S., assuming he will arrive approximately 15 October 1953. Detailed recommendations for his handling will follow.
3. Headquarters should disregard paragraph B.1. of reference (request for advise, suggestions and guidance on securing a U. S. visa for GROSSBAHN) as the matter apparently can be handled completely in the field.

C. General.

1. It was determined that GROSSBAHN's place of birth (Schoenbruck, East Prussia) was German territory in 1938 and thus GROSSBAHN could be placed under the German quota.
2. GROSSBAHN's present TTD was shown to ☐ While the document was in order, ☐ was of the opinion the job of papering GROSSBAHN would be simplified if he were issued a new TTD with home address listed as Munich. Necessary photos will be turned over to ☐ on 17 July and new TTD will be issued shortly thereafter.

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3. GROSSBAHN will complete two forms on 16 July: Application for Registration and Immigration Visa Application Scratch Sheet. These will be turned over to [] on 17 July, together with necessary photographs (five copies - 2 1/4" x 2 1/4"), plus original birth certificate and either original or photocopy of marriage certificate. In addition, it will be necessary to furnish a certificate of good conduct. GROSSBAHN can secure such a certificate from Salzburg police sources as the certificate need only state that he has not been convicted of any criminal, moral, or political crimes.

4. The speed with which it is necessary to furnish the foregoing listed forms and documents is necessitated by the fact that GROSSBAHN should be gotten on the waiting list as promptly as possible. Once he is on the list, issuance of the visa can be timed in operational terms, subject to the progress which we can make in phasing GROSSBAHN's present operations over to direct handling or dropping them. In any event, we have set arrival in the U. S. at approximately 15 October 1953 and will have the phasing of GROSSBAHN's operations completed in time for him to depart as scheduled.

5. No Affidavit of Support will be necessary. [] assures us that he can furnish the Munich Consulate with a certificate that GROSSBAHN's entry is in the best interests of the U. S. Government and that he will not become a public charge while there. This will serve in lieu of the usual affidavit.

6. [] states that the only point on which difficulties may arise is the question of getting GROSSBAHN past the physical examination. He does have a record of lung infection in his youth, though this did not appear in his medical examination at MOB, which was conducted on 5 May 1952. (A copy of []

[]'s medical report is attached at A.) We plan to secure the chest x-rays which were taken in May of 1952 and have these on hand to assure the Munich Consulate medical examiner that the chest condition is arrested, should the need arise.

7. In regard to the question of GROSSBAHN's possibly striking a stumbling block with the INS people upon entry, we are of the opinion, and judging from what [] told us, there appears no reason to assume the INS people should have a reason for having a particular interest in GROSSBAHN. It would seem to us that any derogatory information would have to originate from here. If there appears to be no security objection to the issuance of a visa from Germany, could INS, in some other manner, learn of GROSSBAHN's NSDAP and SD background? Do they perform a routine screening on all persons entering? Any preliminary steps Headquarters can take to insure against GROSSBAHN's possibly becoming entangled with INS would be well worth the effort.

8. We have discussed the problem of eventually securing U. S. citizenship for the rest of the family (wife and 1 1/2 year old son) with GROSSBAHN. He (and we agree in this) sees no other course than to let his wife sit in Austria while he is in the U. S. and face the problem of starting her on the way to U. S. citizenship at a later date. The son, we have assured him, represents no problem, provided his divorce decree from his former wife will not bind him in some manner.

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GROSSBAHN states that there is no official entry in court records that his former wife has any rights in regard to the child. He has agreed with her, informally, to let her see the boy on more important Austrian holidays. He has discussed with her in general terms (under cover of sending the boy to school in the U. S.) the son's future and she has assured him that she will not stand in the way of any such future plans. In summation, GROSSBAHN prefers to clarify his own status in regards to U. S. citizenship first and tackle the problems of his wife and child at a later date. He realizes that we will lend whatever aid is possible under the circumstances, but that the future is unpredictable and he may be left completely to his own devices in working out the family's future citizenship.

9. We, naturally, will advance GROSSBAHN sufficient funds to purchase his round-trip air ticket to the U. S. In addition, we plan on advancing him the sum of \$405.00 for per diem, figured at the average rate of \$9.00 per day (standard U. S. per diem rate) on the basis of his being absent from Austria for approximately 45 days.

D. Recommendations.

It will be necessary that GROSSBAHN reach the U. S. within four months of the time that a visa is granted to him. We thus recommend that a visa be secured for GROSSBAHN within the next month and that we plan, both operationally and administratively, on his departing Austria so as to reach the U. S. approximately 15 October 1953.

Attachments:

Medical Report, 19 May 1952

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GROESBACH

1. WE ARE UNABLE ENSURE ENTRY UNDER QUOTA DUE NSDAF AND ED PAST. HAVE REQUESTED COURSE WAIVE OBJECTIONS BUT THIS INVOLVES POLICY DECISION WHICH MAY TAKE THREE WEEKS OR MORE.

2. SUBJ NOT ELIGIBLE ENTRY UNDER ONE HUNDRED PERSONS PROVISION.

3. HQS CONSENSUS SUBJECT'S IMMIGRATION TO ZI, IF PERMITTED, SHOULD COINCIDE WITH TERMINATION, UNLESS MUCH STRONGER, MORE SPECIFIC PLAN PRESENTED FOR FUTURE WORK UPON RETURN TO AUSTRIA. ON BASIS PAST PERFORMANCE WE UNCONVINCED FUTURE EFFORTS AS RECRUITER WILL BE PRODUCTIVE ENOUGH TO WARRANT UNDERTAKING SPONSORSHIP HIS RETURN. SUCH SPONSORSHIP BOUND TO HAVE ULTIMATE DISPOSAL MUCH MORE DIFFICULT.

4. REQUEST YOU RECONSIDER PROPOSALS RAVA 3801. ADVISE.

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